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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 9, 2006, having a one-month period for response which expired July 9, 2006, the Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered in the above-identified reissue application. Please amend the application as follows: